

Bates PTA General Membership Minutes September 24, 2019 – 7pm start time

Attendance

- 17 people, include some staff, the Principal, PTA President Ray Feldmann and Secretary Jaye Falls (taking minutes)

Welcome from Ray to Group

- Goals: support students and staff through fundraising; facilitate communication in any way we can between parents and school.
- Communications: Social media used to post what we know. Staff has been quite informative and quick to answer questions so we can provide info to the community.
- Want to help address concerns and advocate for families at the school.

Principal's Report

- Handouts given include “Our Framework for Comprehensive School Safety Planning & Development,” “The Number Story at Bates 2019-20,” and copies of PowerPoint slides, “One Bates“.
- We are one community, despite the exclusive PVA program, special ed services, and emotionally disabled program, all 3 of which could conceivably divide people into constituencies. 690 students currently attend, which is significantly down. Before the redistricting, there were nearly 900 at Bates, which was overwhelming. Projected to have 720 students next year, 750 the year after. Referrals for misbehavior are down. Free and reduced lunch students are nearly 50% of the population at Bates.
- Diversity at Bates includes ethnicity, socioeconomic status, learning capabilities, language.
- Security is being addressed: new, easier locks on many classroom doors, main office is being moved closer to front door to eliminate the gap between the front entrance and the office.
- There is no SRO at Bates, which is a funding issue between Annapolis city and AA County. The principal would prefer to have one, and asks that parents ask the city for SRO funding.
- Two modular classrooms in use, located in back parking lot.

Security at Bates

Only middle school in county without SRO. PTA will work with city and county to find solution. Can be a positive if there is a good relationship between students and police officer. Jeff Macris (AEC) suggested that parents speak to school board about this issue. Discussion emphasized mention of equity between schools and positive relationships with law enforcement.

Attempts have been made to get an SRO assigned to Bates previously. The typical response from the School Board has been that Bates shares an officer with Phoenix and Adams.

Volunteering at Bates (Nancy O'Donnel)

- To volunteer, you must have an approved commercial background check (expires every 2 years), an approved fingerprint supported background check (valid as long as you have a child in AACPS), and a Bates volunteer form.
- You must also watch the sex video and have a signed verification form. The fingerprint supported check is REQUIRED if you are doing an overnight with students, or one-on-one, unsupervised time with students. Once you get the card, you must carry it while at school events.
- Volunteer Coordinator required/requested urgently. Volunteer at meeting! Her name is ...?

Treasurer's Report

New budget based on old budget. Report distributed to attendees. Fundraising goal slightly higher than last year. Instructional support provided from funds. Teacher appreciation, Bates Bucks, honor roll, etc provided. Last year's surplus ~\$4k. BLUF: anticipate \$21k revenue, \$17k expenses/disbursements. Motioned, seconded, and approved.

Transportation

Many issues this year! Principal can report to regional transportation specialist, Tina Acker. She is known not to return calls, so call her boss, Mr. Les Douglas. Please send complaints to transportation, copy school board, copy AEC, copy Bob Mosier.

Fundraising Volunteers needed

- Please communicate to Bates PTA email address (batesmiddleschoolpta@gmail.com)
- A volunteer for dining outs: Angie Carroll
- Community involvement committee (Amy Beller) wants to do an event
- Food bank volunteers needed. PTA contributions requested to supplement what the food bank sends.
- Plug for boxtops, Giant, Safeway, Smile Amazon.

Amy Beller, social worker at Bates

- Described services offered, resources, and events.
- New this year, Mindful Moments on PA system.
- Cathy Bishop volunteered for community event 1/month

Meeting Times

Evening preferred by group in attendance.

Attendance (signed sheet attached to original)

1. Angie Carroll
2. Jules Oaten
3. Joanne Linhard
4. John Woods
5. Happel Kolakoski
6. Vanessa Crosby
7. Paul DeRoo
8. Amy Beller
9. Nancy O'Donnel
10. Dalyn Huntley
11. Rena Barrett
12. Patricia Winters
13. Dawn Davis
14. Catherine Bishop
15. Lisa Lyman
16. Ray Feldmann
17. Tracy Brennan
18. Jaye Falls

**Bates Middle School PTA
Treasurer's Report
04-Sep-19**

| | Budgeted 2018-2019 | Actual 2018-2019 | Proposed Budget 2019-2020 | Actual YTD |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Balance from Previous Year</i> | \$4,758 | \$4,758 | \$4,519 | \$4,519 |
| <i>Audit Adjustment</i> | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| <i>Starting Checkbook Balance</i> | \$4,758 | \$4,758 | \$4,519 | \$4,519 |
| <u>REVENUE:</u> | | | | |
| 1. Membership Dues | \$1,230 | \$1,545 | \$1,400 | \$168 |
| 2. Donations | \$3,300 | \$2,980 | \$3,181 | \$36 |
| 3. Fundraising | \$18,412 | \$10,876 | \$11,900 | \$0 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$27,700 | \$20,159 | \$21,000 | \$4,723 |
| <u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u> | | | | |
| 1. Organizational Expenses | \$1,025 | \$1,065 | \$1,075 | \$0 |
| 2. Fundraising Expenses | \$10,950 | \$4,542 | \$5,100 | \$0 |
| 3. Instructional Support | \$3,900 | \$3,900 | \$3,900 | \$0 |
| 4. PTA Programs/Projects | \$5,550 | \$4,605 | \$6,000 | \$0 |
| 5. PTA Funded Grants | \$4,275 | \$1,528 | \$1,630 | \$0 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$25,700 | \$15,640 | \$17,705 | \$0 |
| CARRY OVER (revenue-disbursements) | \$2,000 | \$4,519 | \$3,295 | \$4,723 |
| TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET | \$27,700 | \$20,159 | \$21,000 | \$4,723 |
| CURRENT CHECKBOOK BALANCE | | | | \$4,723 |